

# Quantum ensembles: spins and traps

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# Spin-based searches for axions and ultra-light dark matter

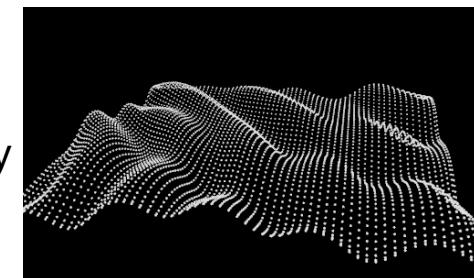


axion  $\leftrightarrow$  strong CP problem  
 $\mathcal{L} \propto \theta_{\text{QCD}} G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}$

axion-like dark matter  $a(t) = a_0 \cos \omega_a t$

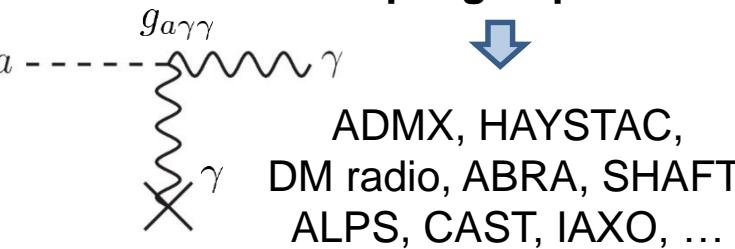
$\omega_a = m_a c^2 / \hbar \rightarrow$  ALP Compton frequency

$\rho_{\text{DM}} \propto a_0^2 \rightarrow$  dark matter density



axion field amplitude  $\xrightarrow{\dots} \frac{a}{f_a} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$

symmetry breaking scale  $\xrightarrow{\dots} \frac{a}{f_a}$   
**coupling to photons**



CASPER collaboration:  $g_d, g_{an}$

[D. Budker et al., *Phys. Rev. X* **4**, 021030 (2014)]  
[A. Garcon et al., *Science Adv.* **5**, eaax4539 (2019)]

QUAX collaboration:  $g_{ae}$

[N. Crescini et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **124**, 171801 (2020)]

ARIADNE collaboration:  $g_{an}$

[A. Arvanitaki and A. Geraci, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **113**, 161801 (2014)]

$$\frac{a}{f_a} G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}$$

**coupling to gluons**

→ creates oscillating nucleon electric dipole moment (EDM)

→ spin to axion coupling:

$$H \propto \vec{d} \cdot \vec{E}_{eff}$$

$$\frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a} \bar{\Psi}_f \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \Psi_f$$

**coupling to fermions**

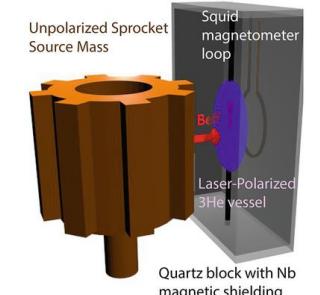
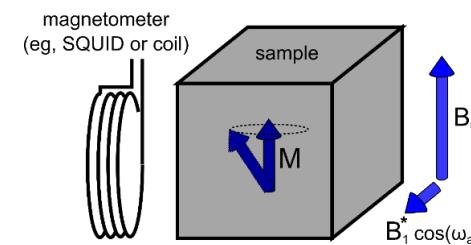
→ creates axion “wind”

→ spin to axion “wind” coupling:  
 $H \propto \vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}_{eff}$

a figure of merit →

$$\xi = xp\sqrt{N\tau}$$

polarization  
coherence time  
number of spins

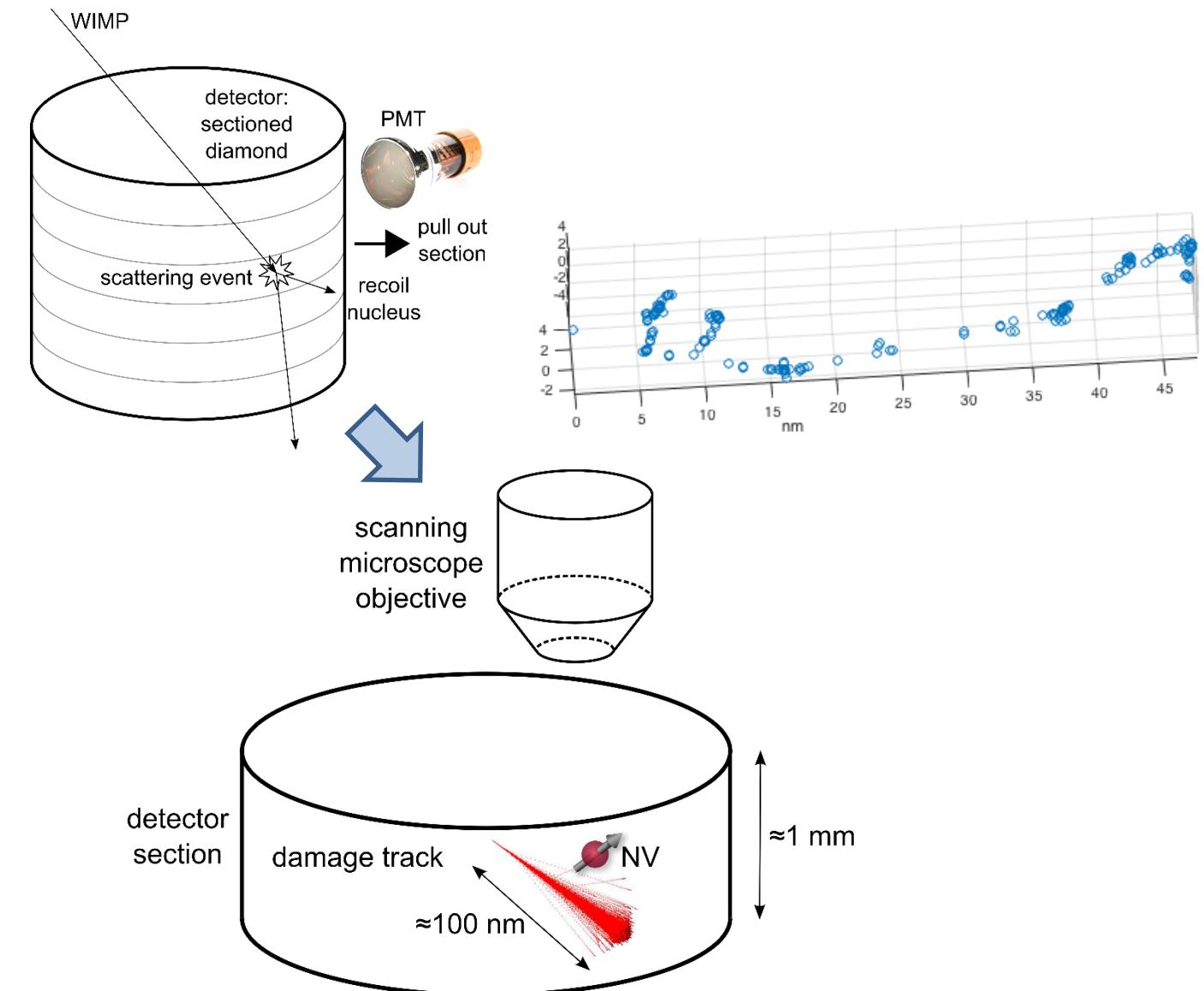
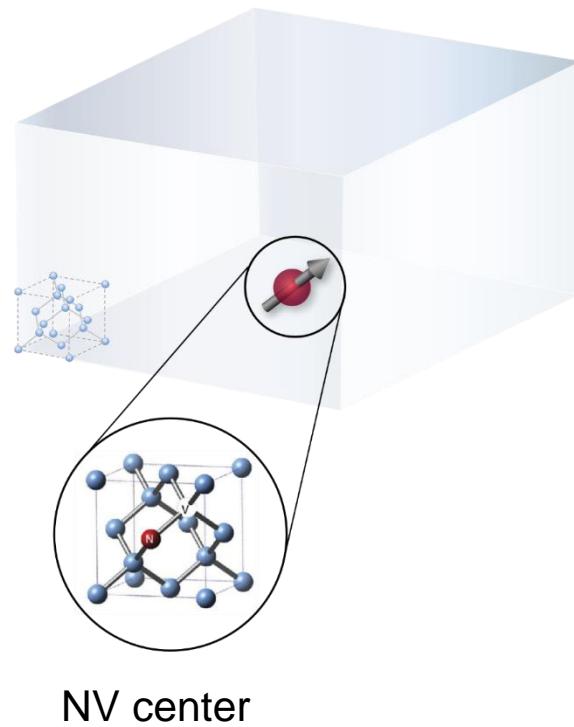




# Spins as local quantum sensors

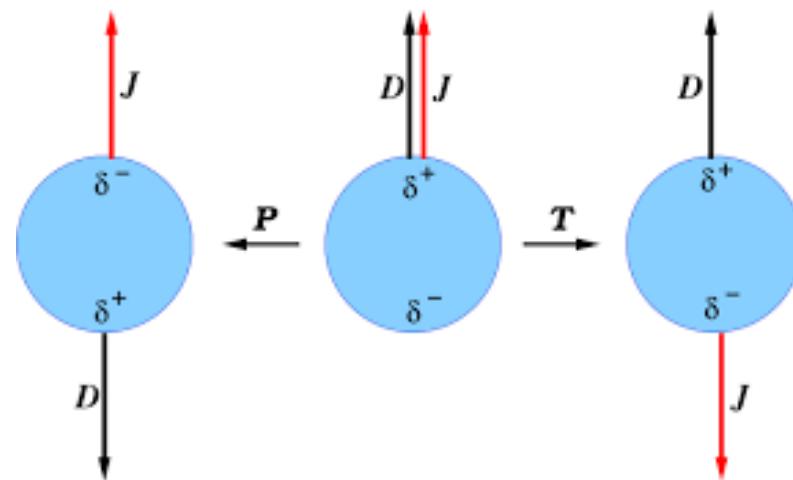
→ a directional detector for WIMP dark matter using color centers in diamond

[S. Rajendran, et al., *Phys. Rev. D* **96**, 035009 (2017)]



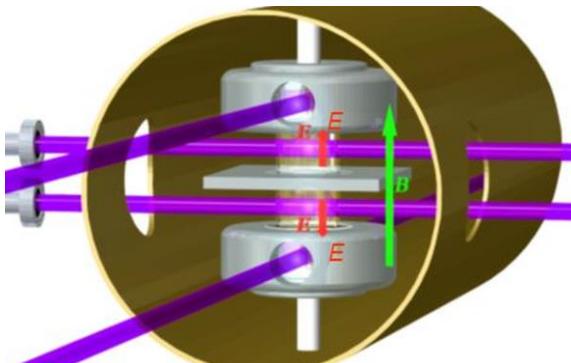
# AMO searches for permanent electric dipole moments (EDM)

EDM experiments probe T-violating physics at high energies (eg, SUSY)



⇒  $^{199}\text{Hg}$  EDM

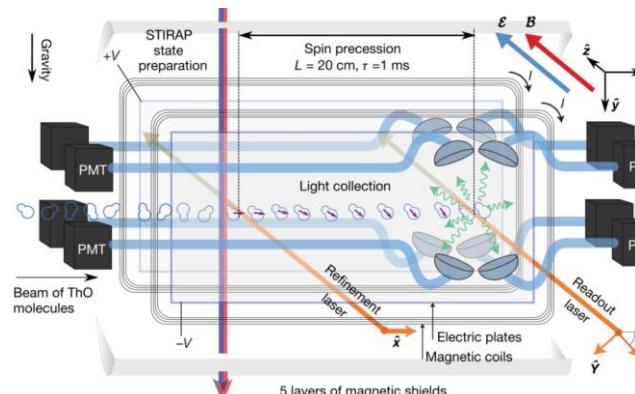
[B. Graner, et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **116**, 161601 (2016)]



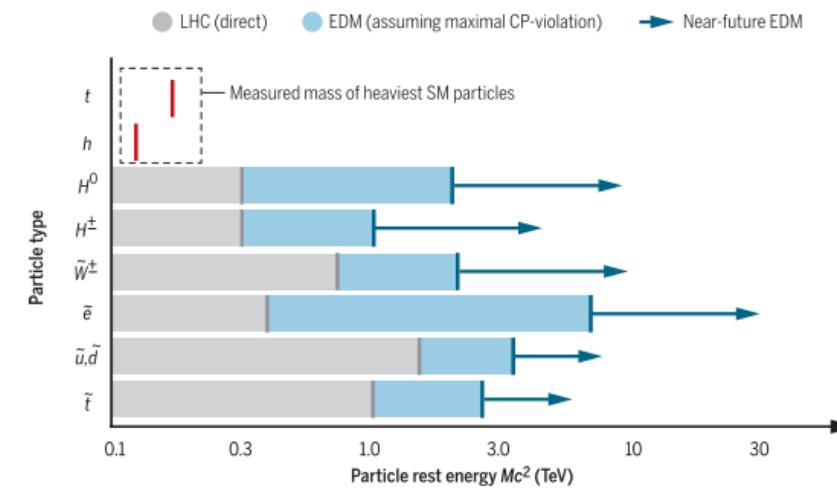
⇒ ACME collaboration:  
electron EDM with ThO

[J. Baron et al., *Science* **343**, 269 (2014)]

[V. Andreev et al., *Nature* **562**, 355 (2018)]



cold molecular beams

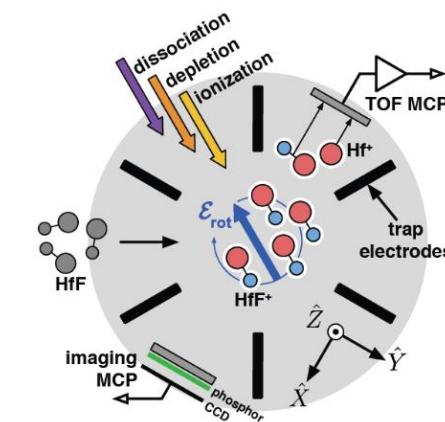


[D. DeMille, J. Doyle, A. Sushkov, *Science* **347**, 1100 (2015)]

[W. B. Cairncross, Jun Ye, *Nature Reviews Phys.* **1**, 510 (2019)]

⇒ HfF<sup>+</sup> electron EDM experiment at JILA

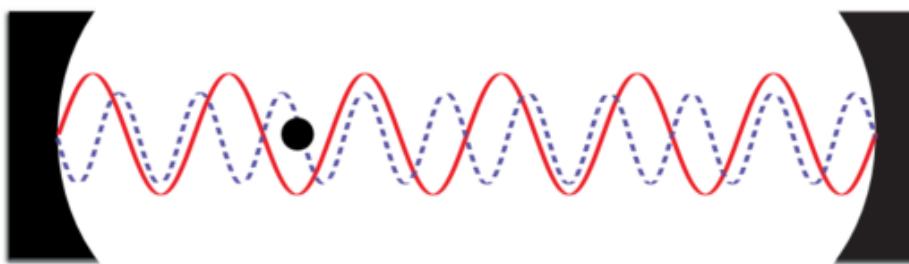
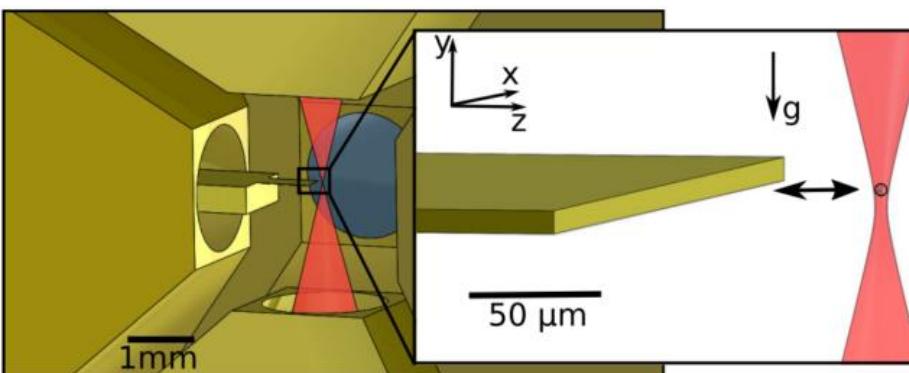
[W. B. Cairncross, et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **119**, 153001 (2017)]



trapped molecular ions

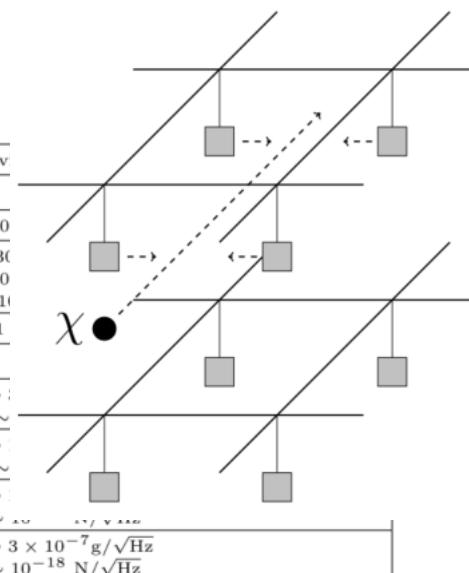
# 5<sup>th</sup> force and dark matter searches with optomechanics

→ 5<sup>th</sup> force, dark energy, and other new physics searches using levitated particles as test masses:



- [A.D. Rider, et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **117**, 101101 (2016)]  
[A. Arvanitaki and A. Geraci, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **101**, 071105 (2013)]  
[D.C. Moore, et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **113**, 251801 (2014)]

→ dark matter coupling to mass



Physical device	Mass	Frequency	Temp.	Quantum limit	Sensitivity
Resonant acoustic wave:					
BAW/Weber bar [41]	1000 kg	1 kHz	4 K		$h_s \sim 10$
HBAR/phonon counting [76]	50 μg	10 GHz	10 mK	single phonon	$\sigma_E \sim 30$ $h_s \sim 10$ ( $h_s \sim 10$ )
superfluid helium cavities [59]	1 ng	300 MHz	50 mK	single phonon	$\sigma_E \sim 1$
Resonant and below-resonance detectors:					
cantilever optomechanical accelerometer [77]	25 mg	10 kHz	300 K		$\sqrt{S_a} \sim 1$ $(\sqrt{S_a} \sim 1)$
SiN-suspended test mass accelerometer [78, 79]	10 mg	10 kHz	300 K		$\sqrt{S_a} \sim 1$ $(\sqrt{S_a} \sim 1)$
membrane optomechanics [80, 86]	10 ng	1.5 MHz	100 mK	at SQL	$\sqrt{S_a} \sim 1$ $\sqrt{S_f} \sim 1$
crystalline cantilever for force sensing [87]	0.2 ng	1 kHz	200 mK		$\sqrt{S_a} \sim 3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ g}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ $\sqrt{S_f} \sim 10^{-18} \text{ N}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
Pendula above resonance:					
LIGO mirror [88]	10 kg	10 Hz – 10 kHz	300 K	SN limited above 100 Hz	$\sqrt{S_a} \sim 4 \times 10^{-15} \text{ g}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ at 100 Hz $\sqrt{S_x} \sim 10^{-19} \text{ m}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
suspended mg mirror [89–91]	1 mg	1 – 10 kHz	300 K	factor of 20 in displacement from (off-resonant) SQL	$\sqrt{S_a} \sim 7 \times 10^{-11} \text{ g}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ at 600 Hz $\sqrt{S_x} \sim 5 \times 10^{-17} \text{ m}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
crystalline cantilever [92]	50 ng	10 – 100 kHz	300 K	at (off-resonant) SQL	$\sqrt{S_a} \sim 2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ g}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ at 20 kHz $\sqrt{S_x} \sim 10^{-16} \text{ m}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
Levitated and free-fall systems:					
LISA pathfinder [93]	15 kg	1 – 30 mHz	300 K		$\sqrt{S_a} \sim 10^{-15} \text{ g}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
mm magnetically-levitated sphere [94]	4 mg	20 Hz	5 K		$\sqrt{S_a} \sim 2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ g}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ $\sqrt{S_f} \sim 8 \times 10^{-12} \text{ N}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
sub-mm magnetically-levitated sphere [95]	0.25 μg	1–20 Hz	laser cool to < 9 K		$\sqrt{S_a} \sim 10^{-7} \text{ g}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ $\sqrt{S_f} \sim 2 \times 10^{-16} \text{ N}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
optically trapped microsphere [96]	1 ng	10 – 100 Hz	laser cool to 50 μK	factor of 100 in displacement from (off-resonant) SQL	$\sqrt{S_a} \sim 10^{-7} \text{ g}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ $\sqrt{S_f} \sim 10^{-18} \text{ N}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
optically trapped nanosphere [97, 98] (rotational [99])	3 fg	300 kHz	laser cool to 12 μK	ground state	$\sqrt{S_a} \sim 7 \times 10^{-4} \text{ g}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ $\sqrt{S_f} \sim 2 \times 10^{-20} \text{ N}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ $\sqrt{S_r} \sim 10^{-27} \text{ Nm}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
trapped ion crystal [18]	$10^{-6}$ fg	1 MHz			$\sqrt{S_a} \sim 50 \text{ g}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ $\sqrt{S_f} \sim 4 \times 10^{-22} \text{ N}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

[D. Carney, et al., arXiv:2008.06074]

[D. Carney, et al., arXiv:1903.00492]



# Entanglement as a resource for HEP-relevant quantum sensors

detector figures of merit can sometimes be improved by making use of quantum correlations, such as entanglement, squeezing

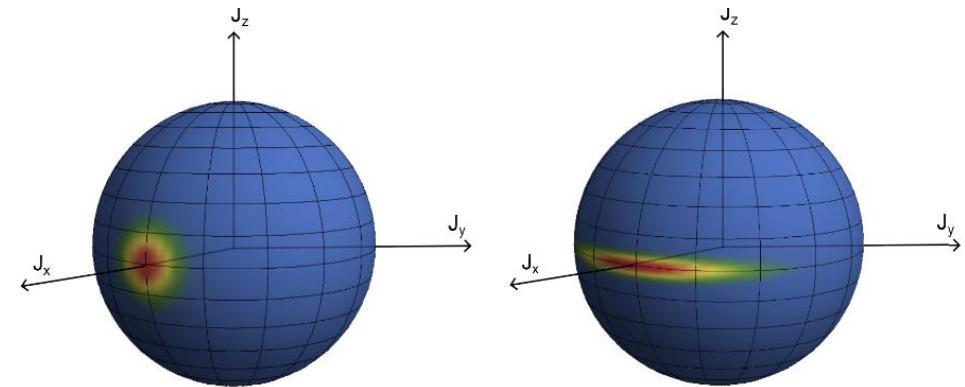
## → measurements beyond SQL

[LIGO collab., *Nature Photon.* **7**, 613 (2013)]  
[O. Hosten, et al., *Nature* **529**, 505 (2016)]

$$\xi \propto \sqrt{N} \text{ (SQL)}$$

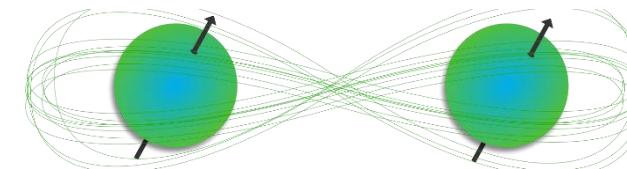
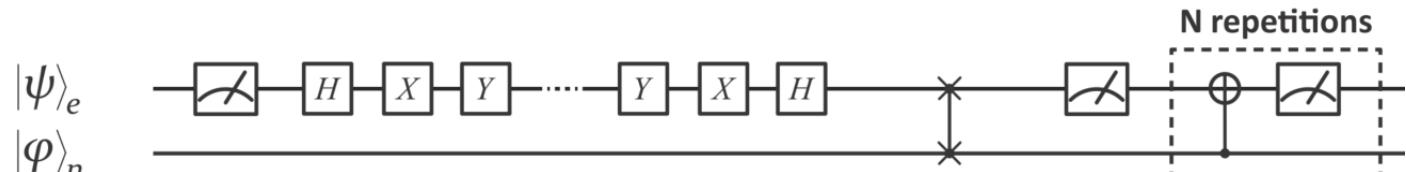


$$\xi \propto N \text{ (Heisenberg)}$$



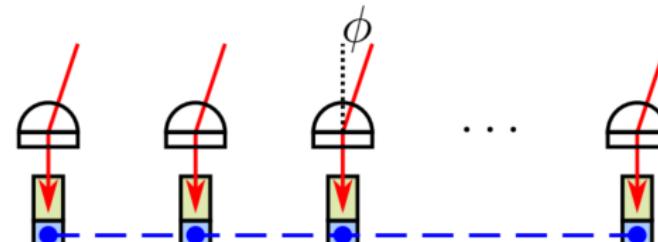
## → QND measurements, back-action evasion

[D. B. Hume, et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **99**, 120502 (2007)]  
[I. Lovchinsky, et al., *Science* **351**, 836 (2016)]



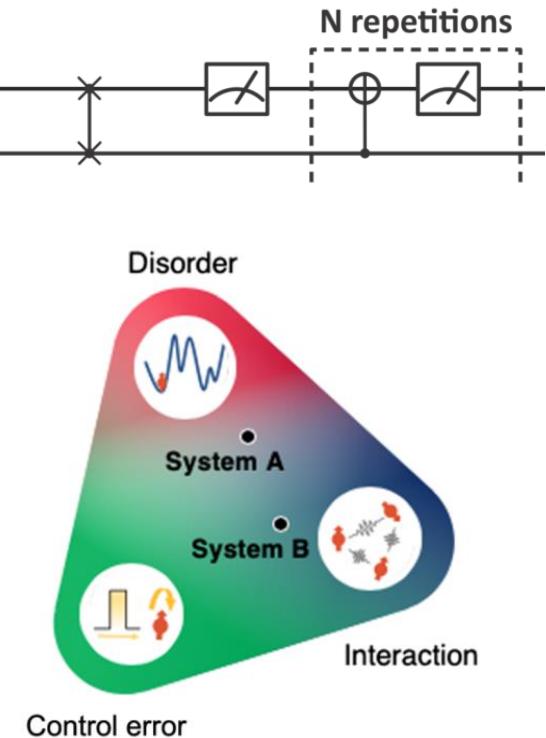
## → dynamic hamiltonian engineering of many-body spin systems

[J. Choi, et al., *Phys. Rev. X* **10**, 031002 (2020)]



## → quantum sensor networks

[D. Gottesman, et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **109**, 070503 (2012)]  
[E. Khabiboulline, et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **123**, 070504 (2019)]



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